

CLARK'S ISLAND

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Clark's Island Picnic

The Duxbury Rural and Historical Society announces that the annual Clark's Island Picnic, open to the public,

will take place Sunday, August 1 from 12-3 p.m. at Cedarfield on the east side of the island.

The talk at Pulpit Rock will be given this year by Jim Baker, curator of the John Alden House Museum and one of the leading experts on the history of the Plymouth Colony. The presentation will take place at approximately 1:30 p.m.

The Society's annual picnic on Clark's Island is an opportunity for families to enjoy the historic surroundings of Cedarfield, the second oldest house on the island. The house was bequeathed to the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society

34 years ago by poet and scholar Sarah Wingate Taylor.

Clark's Island in Plymouth Bay was the spot where the first exploring party from the *Mayflower* washed ashore in 1620. The group, including William Bradford, Myles Standish, and William Brewster, had been sent out to determine a satisfactory spot for settlement. A storm forced them to take shelter on Clark's Island.

High tide is at 12:30 p.m. so boaters should plan to leave the island by 3 p.m. at the latest.

The Society can arrange transportation for a limited number of individuals. To sign up for transportation, please call the Society at 934-6106.